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### ***Press Conference - Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery!*** **HFD and Apartment Association Stress Importance of a Working Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Alarms**

**WHAT:** The Houston Fire Department (HFD) and Houston Apartment Association (HAA) will remind citizens to change the batteries in your smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarms when you reset your clocks as Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Fire Station 6, 3402 Washington Ave.

**DETAILS:** Remarks will be given by Fire Chief Terry Garrison, HFD Associate Medical Director Chris Souders and President of the HAA David Jones. A demonstration on smoke detectors and space heater safety will also be given.

HFD statistics indicate that more than 30 percent of the home and apartment fires HFD responds to, do not have a working smoke detector or have no smoke detectors present. When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing. Smoke is usually what kills fire victims, not the fire, because the smoke puts you in a deeper sleep and without the sound of the smoke alarm, you succumb to the smoke as you breathe it in.

State law requires apartment owners to ensure that apartment units have working smoke detectors in them before they are occupied. Apartment residents are responsible for changing the batteries in those smoke detectors.

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